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Dear Mr. Reed Hundt,

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In my name is Hermi-
nia Pérez. I was born in Houston,
Texas. And I live in Oakland Calif-
ornia. And go to Elmhurst Middle
School. Today for homework we had
to read a news article that said that
their critics say TV flunks in educa-
tional value. And that the Federal
Communications Commission is responsible
for making sure broadcasters comply with
the law. And that federal regulat-
ors consider adopting tougher rules. And
that however other critics who were
viewed saw no need for a clearer
definition.

What I think is that
there's lots of profanity in television.
And that they should take those
programs off. Because there's lots
of bad words and some end up
that are extremely profanity. And
they get it from some programs
from television. Like in the Bart Sim-
pleman cartoons I think those should

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~~be eliminated~~... Because they show lots
of bad stuff. Like too many profanity.

What do you think on this
problem? Could you please come and
visit us. We would really appreciate. And
you'll be welcomed. Or could you please
send us some information on what is the
federal government doing to solve this
problem.

ii Thank you for reading my letter. I
really appreciate it!!

Sincerely,

HERMINIO PEREZ

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Dear Mr. Reed Hundt

Hi! my name is Denise
Gonzalez. I am 12 years old. I
live in Oakland cal. I go to
a school named Elmhurst.
Well what I was going
to tell you is that what
I read on the article
news is that the shows
that are now they are
not so educational because
they put a lots of
bad words on the T.V. shows.
What I want to tell
you to is that a long
ago bad words didnt wear
in the programs because
the kids wouldnt learn
anything but just bad
words or they put them
on the T.V. shows. So
now they put like a
lots and lots of bad
words like stupid or
Damn. so what I want

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to tell you Qs that
what I think about
this Qs that one side
tells me that Qs good.
But the other side
tells me that Qs bad.
Because it says lots of
bad words and Qs shouting
us to tell the bad word
wean wear mad or norves.

Well I wish you
could come and visit us
and tell us more about
this problem that I think
it Qs a problem. Well thank-
you for reading my letter.
And I hope you underst-
and my words. Well

Thank you

Sincerely

Denise
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DEAR MR. REED HUNDT
My name is Sergio and today
in the news paper I read about
CRITICS say TV FLUNK IN EDUCATIO-
NAL VALUE and the teacher gave
us a. Example as said that in
1939. they made a movie named
gone with the wind and this
movie is 4 and a half hours long
and back then what almost
caused this movie to almost
be destroyed was that in the
movie a word made it look bad. it
was the word. Dawn and know
in movies this word is nothing.
Now you will hear the F word
the B word and the M F word. ect ect...
and some times without
this words or without sex
on movies. to alot of people the
will be boring. and instead of
showing this movies. can they
show Educational programs.
to some people is right and
to some peoples is wrong and
if most of the people don't like
what's on TV. you could pro-
bally lose your license for TV.
I really don't know what to
say about this. or what
can you do about it because

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SOME TIMES. THIS MOVIES.
ARE ALL RIGHT TO ME. I WOULD
LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK
ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND WHAT
WOULD YOU DO AND SEND US
INFORMATION.

PS. SENCYRLY
YOURS

SERGIO RAMIREZ!

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Dear Mr. Reed Hundt,
I write to you about
Critics saying TV flunks in
educational value. People are
upset because there is too
much violence in TV and
there is less educational
programs.

My opinion on this
issue is that this people are
right. This violence program
should be change to educational
program. People don't even see
the news just because they
see all of that violence
including pornographic movies
that is not good for their
head they can be turn into
monsters.

Thank you for reading
my letter I hope that you
understood my opinions
and that you realize what
it is causing. I hope that
you can come and talk to
us about this issue.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Reed Hunt I read the paper about times say T.V Flunk 5 in educational times. I think that they should bot more educational programs because the kids when they get to school they turn on the t.v and watch cartoons and they don't do their homework because they are what t.v and if they put more educational programs kids will do their homework and then turn on the t.v and watch some programs about science and all the things about the world. I think the only educational program on t.v are cartoon science because it talk about the earth, Beakman's world because it talks about alien concepts, and in some case think the reason behind it talk about ancient history and the discovery chemical there will be more educational programs because the good channels are in cable and some things can't be seen on t.v.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 30, 1995

Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Wash. D. C. 205

Re: Violence vs Education on Television

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I want to commend you for your efforts to get VIOLENCE off TV, and to force the Broadcasters to produce more educational programs for the public. I am appalled at the language, bedroom scenes and suggestive programs that are allowed to be shown any hour of the day or night. I highly support your stand in helping to pass legislation in Congress to allow the installation of the "v-chip".

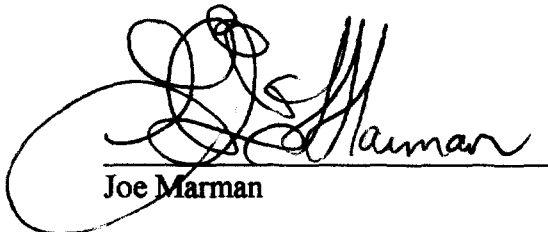
We want to lend our support for broader expansion of educational programs on television, and to require that broadcasters are required to allocate a specified number of hours of programs to upgrade the morality and civility of our nation. I am specifically referring to taxpayer support of Public Television, especially those to educate the public in politics, history, and importantly, **the negative aspects that anti-social behavior can have on our society.**

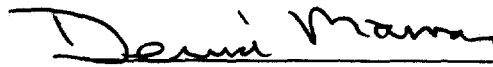
Let us know what we can do to help.

I believe that a lot of the crime problems can be attributed to the violence on TV and movie theaters.

Good luck with this project. We recommend the more educational programs the better.

Very truly yours,


Joe Marman


Denise Marman

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FCC
San Diego, CA (fax) 619-557-7158TO: SUBJECT: EDUCATION AND TELEVISION

FROM: Carlynn Williams

NUMBER OF PAGES TO FOLLOW 2

MESSAGE: OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER PRINTED "CRITICS SAY TV FLUNKS IN EDUCATIONAL VALUE," AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING THE PRESENT STATUS OF PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN 16 AND UNDER.

I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THIS SUBJECT AND HAVE BEEN PRODUCING PROGRAMS OF EDUCATION AND INFORMATION FOR ADULTS IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE AND BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS.

PLEASE SEE THE FOLLOWING VISION, MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE PROGRAM AS ONE ATTEMPT TO FURTHER DEFINE AN ON-GOING PROCESS

PLEASE FORWARD INFORMATION AND/OR ADD MY NAME AND ADDRESS TO A MAILING LIST WHERE.

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PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY

NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY is dedicated to our community, and to a concern and concern for human, plant, and animal inhabitants including Earth itself. With this thought in mind, people who participate on the program hold this ethic in highest esteem.

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VISION OF NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY

Programs and individuals on *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY* are seen and heard as proactive participants, eager to meet the goals and objectives of excellence. Through the talents of intuition and inspiration, new ideas are offered. With the skills of innovation and creativity, an integration of the diverse affirms the value of life. Because of the use of technology, the relationship gives interactive perspectives to the audience and we are respected and compensated for imagination from the public we serve. *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY* enlivens as it includes the quality of old ideas and the spirit of the new.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY* is to provide community radio and television interactive dialogues offering a live, spontaneous arena where ideas are shaped and creativity is formed and focused. We are committed to education and information as empowered citizens, we cooperate economically and socially, providing imaginative and innovative insights in the implementation of knowledge to work and life. Community members may be seen and heard by many. Communication is the key and media is its tool.

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Carlynn Williams is producer and host of her own television program, *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY* (NIC). She has served on business and education roundtables, Adopt-A-School committee, produced and co-directed television programs and videos in support of business and education partnerships. She was selected as voice-over talent for promotional videos, *CABLE IN THE CLASSROOM*, and others. In addition to radio and television production, Ms. Williams has taught English to gifted and at-risk students and was chairperson for a department of eight English teachers. She was employed by Mt. Diablo Hospital, Serenity Eating Disorders Department, where she promoted, marketed, and advised medical personnel of the eating disorder's program at the hospital.

Ms. Williams designed and developed weekly radio and television programs. *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY* for radio began in 1990 and aired weekly. In addition to radio, *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY*, began on television during the fall, 1992, where it continues to air weekly, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Ch. 3. The program is dedicated to education and information about health, business, and education. Her work in the field of community involvement has contributed to a forum for dialogue, interaction, and discussion for those who wish to participate.

In addition to producing *NEW IDEAS COMMENTARY* in Contra Costa County, in 1995, Ms. Williams joined Fremont Adult School in the production of *COMMUNITY EXCHANGE*. This pilot cable television series features business and education partnerships and distinguished public school programs and maintains the same format as *NIC*.

She is a member of American Women in Radio and Television, San Ramon Valley Quality Council, Deming Study Group on Health Care, and Contra Costa Council. Her radio and television production has been approved through Women/Minority Business Enterprise Clearinghouse (WMBE). She serves as a board member for Bay Area Speakers' Service and is invited to speak on community panels and to groups.

Ms. Williams received her undergraduate degree in English and drama from Holy Names College, Oakland, CA, M.A., Education Leadership, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA, M.A., Holistic Health Education, John F. Kennedy University, Oakland, CA.

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Under agreement with Van Miert, 2 companies will be able to offer European services and value-added features, such as corporate communications networks, but it doesn't give them access to low-level data networks. He said fate of Info AG, German-based unit of FT, remained to be decided. Final EC approval will require comment by other parties, process he expected to be completed by next summer. Van Miert said EC deal should satisfy FCC concerns about market dominance, which is key stumbling block for Sprint alliance. "Our concerns were very much in line with theirs," he told news conference.

Barrett 'Deeply Troubled'

AUTOMATION IN FCC'S FUTURE TO FOLLOW OFFICE CLOSINGS

Automation and national call center with free 800 number will be provided by FCC for consumers to seek information and file complaints as follow-up to Chmn. Hundt's decision to close 3 regional and 9 field offices, with subsequent firing of employees for first time in agency's history (CD Oct 13 p3). Plan has been approved by other commissioners on 4-1 vote (Quello dissenting, Barrett concurring) and now goes to congressional appropriations committees for review.

Office closures and staff reduction will face opposition in Congress, with FCC branch of National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) using union's lobbyist to fight action. Offices to be closed are part of Compliance & Information Bureau (CIB), which stands to lose about 1/3 of its 384 employees (CD Aug 18 p1) by end of fiscal '96. Many of those employees will be replaced by automation, particularly in field -- fact that doesn't set too well with Barrett, who said in his concurrence: "It has always been my belief that there are times when a machine can be no substitute for a human being."

Hundt said FCC "enforcement staffing will remain steady," although some persons will be relocated, and restructuring will enable agency to continue "important enforcement and interference responsibilities around the country." To that end, CIB plans to spend \$5-\$7 million in equipment and personnel costs (for separations) in next 2 years. That, FCC said, will save estimated of \$8 million annually thereafter. As result of office closures, most of agency's monitoring activity will be automated, with station in Laurel, Md., only one to remain open. National automated monitoring network is scheduled to be in place by next summer.

Said Hundt: "Personnel reductions are never easy in an agency as hardworking as this, but this is not only the right thing to do, it is necessary in light of the budget situation facing the Commission... for the foreseeable future." Commission said call center will handle complaints and information requests "more efficiently, and with greater convenience to the public, than is possible currently in the dispersed field offices."

Barrett said he was "deeply troubled that individuals who have worked with the Commission for years and who have been effective... will be unemployed as a result of this decision... However, this action means simply that the current permissible head count for the agency remains the same while the number of employees in the field will be cut... The Commission will retain the ability to hire staff in other offices... to replace any displaced employees once budgetary constraints are eliminated. Therefore, I caution the Commission not to be misguided by its efforts to respond to monetary constraints through personnel reductions." Quello didn't have written dissent, but he was very critical last summer when Hundt announced reduction plan, saying it should have been discussed with commissioners in advance (CD Aug 18 p1).

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COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATION BUREAU

ADDRESS REPLY TO:

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Danville, CA 94526

4542 Ruffner St., Room 370
San Diego, Ca 92111-2216
(619) 467-0549

Date: October 31, 1995

TO SPEED OUR REPLY

We are using this informal way to handle your inquiry and we hope you agree that a prompt response is more important than formality.

Please refer to the items(s) checked below for your reply.

— The enclosed material should adequately respond to your inquiry. Any further questions you may have should be directed to the above address.

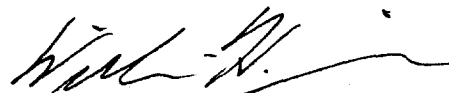
✓ The information you have requested cannot be handled by this office. Therefore, your letter has been directed to:

Federal Communications Commission
Mass Media Bureau, Enforcement Division
ATTN: Complaints & Investigations Branch
2025 M Street, Room 8210 - STOP CODE 1800C1
Washington, DC 20554

Any additional correspondence regarding this matter should be forwarded directly to that address.

— Other -

Sincerely,



William H. Grigsby
Engineer in Charge
San Diego Office

cc: FCC, MMB, Enf. Div., Compls. & Investigations Br., WA, DC w/incoming letter dated 10/16/95 from Carlynn Williams w/enclosure

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Per the attached, just as we need quality programming for television, so we need just this sort of programming on radio!

Perhaps with quality programming there, as well, not only will adults enjoy the very best in music, but it will afford them the opportunity to educate and cultivate a love of good music in the children's lives, and if this happens, perhaps children will not be as dependent on television!

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New devices help parents block offensive TV shows

Dear Ann Landers: "Greenbelt's" plea for an end to trash on the TV talk shows of the '90s needs a fuller reply.

Your readers should know that several companies have developed blocking technologies that allow anyone offended by such shows as Jenny Jones or Jerry Springer to black out the TV screen for the duration of the show.

Instead of sending dozens of letters to the networks, advertisers and show hosts with little effect, a viewer can send a more powerful message by blocking the show. When the ratings drop, the level of discourse on that show will improve.

In a related development, Congress recently passed legislation to require the installation of a device in new TV sets that can be used to block shows rated for violence, language or sex. For just a few extra cents added to the price of a TV, parents will be able to program this "V-chip" to keep anything carrying a parental warning from reaching their kids in their own living room.

At last, it will be possible to create an oasis of decency in your own home without having to turn your back to public airwaves entirely.

TV programming will always be controversial to some and entertaining to others. Technology will soon make it easier to customize your own TV to your own tastes. The sooner the better. — Rep. Edward J. Markey, U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Rep. Markey: I agree wholeheartedly. Please keep reading for more on this subject:

ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: You were right to suggest that readers let program sponsors know when they are outraged by what they see on TV. But that's not all they should do.

The Federal Communications Commission, which I chair, is currently considering whether broadcasters should be required to show at least three hours per week of educational programs for kids. Broadcasters currently are not required to air even one children's educational program per week. We can and should expect more from them.

Parents need information and devices like the V-chip to help them select from the avalanche of programs pouring uninvited over the air into their homes. But simply eliminating offensive programming will not produce quality programs. Your readers should demand a better choice of educational and informational TV that helps, not hinders, our efforts to teach positive values to our children. — Reed

E. Hundt, chairman, FCC

Dear Reed Hundt: You have written a highly provocative letter for which I thank you. It's a fact that by the time a child begins first grade, he or she has already spent the equivalent of three school years in front of the TV. No other country in the world has permitted such unmitigated trash to be aired during the hours children are accustomed to watching.

Because of the efforts of Rep. Edward Markey of Massachusetts and Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, the industry will be forced to clean itself up. We are deeply indebted to these superb public servants for having the integrity to put the best interests of children first and not be seduced by potential big-money backers. Too bad there aren't more like them.

Confidential to Liberal in Louisville: Open-mindedness is good, but don't be so open-minded that your brains fall out.

Write to Ann Landers in care of the News & Record, P.O. Box 20848, Greensboro, N.C. 27420.

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Kansas City Alliance for Non-violent Programming

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September 19, 1995

Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, DC 20054

Re. MM Docket 93-48

Dear Chairman Hundt:

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I am most grateful that you are serving as Chairman of the FCC. Your remarks to the National Press Club give hope that we can reverse the negative effects of television violence on our children. Thank you for speaking out!

I am concerned about the highly disproportionate amount of gratuitous violence on TV, because of the damaging impact on our children and our society as a whole. At the very least, we must increase the amount of excellent educational programs available for our youngsters of all ages, so that there will be a wholesome choice for parents and children.

I would like to recommend that:

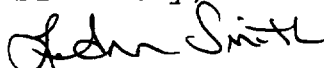
1. The FCC strengthen the Children's Television Act by requiring that broadcasters provide **three hours weekly** of educational and informational children's television shows and that this requirement be increased by 30 minutes each year over four years to eventually require **five hours weekly**. This would be a modest increase compared to the 27 hours of children's TV common in the 1950's.
2. The FCC require that stations identify programs as educational and informational at the time they are aired and provide identifying information to publishers for programming guide
3. The FCC restrict the number and duration of commercials on children's shows.

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4. The FCC take your suggestion to require broadcasters in each community to develop a **Contract for Kids and Community**. In each market all broadcasters would state concretely and specifically how they intend to give parents a choice of high quality, decent, nonviolent and educational programming, and how they would give parents the power to choose. In each market broadcasters would tell their audiences at the beginning of their licensing period what they intend to do for kids and the community they serve. Furthermore, the FCC should make it clear to licensees that the renewal of their licenses depended upon compliance with these clear commitments as well as the requirements shown in number one, two and three above.

We must make TV live up to its potential for educating and and entertaining the public.

Sincerely,



LeAnn Smith
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October 30, 1995

Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communication Commission
Washington, D. C. 205

Re: Violence on Television

Dear Mr. Hundt:

I want to commend you for your efforts to get VIOLENCE off TV, and to force the Broadcasters to produce more educational programs for the public. I am appalled at the language, bedroom scenes and suggestive programs that are allowed to be shown any hour of the day or night. I highly support your stand in helping to pass legislation in Congress to require the installation of the device "v-chip". I don't know what it will take to send the message to the broadcasters and producers that we are fed up with all the sex and violence on movies and TV but we hope this is a step in the right direction. Keep up the good work we are behind you 100%. Let us know what we can do to help.

I believe that a lot of the crime problems can be attributed to the violence on TV. I am also appalled at all the sex and violence shown at the movie theaters. Good luck with this project. I recommend the more educational programs the better.

Very truly yours,



Mary Ann Marman

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Dear Commissioner Chong and Chairman Hunt,

As someone who is concerned about the future of our children, I urge you to strengthen the guidelines of the Children's Television Act (CTA) currently being considered - MM Docket No. 93-48.

I am concerned that in the clamor of tougher standards the broadcasters will continue to fill the airwaves with "rabbit" and shoot the intent of the act by submitting shows such as "G.I. Joe" as educational and reformative.

As you know the CTA signifies twenty years of hard work by parents, children's advocates and concerned citizens. Yet since its passage we have been frustrated and disappointed by the failure of broadcasters to reach the CTA's intended goal of significantly increasing the amount of children's educational programming.

You have now the opportunity to make that goal a reality. Please vote for more substantive and meaningful implementation of the CTA. America's kids are counting on you.

Thank you for listening to my views, I hope you will keep them in mind.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Rutkowski

copy to: Senator Nancy Kassebaum
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Rep. Sam Brownback

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Dear Chairman Hunt,

The government should not be allowed to dictate what the public sees. But the broadcasters are not providing a substantial amount of educational information programming. The amount of educational programming has not really changed since the CTA took effect.

As for the Republican criticism that the FCC is using petitive and regulatory power to strangle the networks is not the issue. Broadcasters have legal obligation to serve the public interest and the needs of children. Quantitative and qualitative requirements, putting "teeth" into the CTA may be necessary.

Thank you for listening to my views, I hope you will keep them in mind.

Sincerely,
Robert F. Rutkowski

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Dear Mr. Hundt,

Mark Twain is reputed to have once said, "Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example." I believe when he said that there were far more good examples in his times than we have now. If I may paraphrase, I am finding the opposite of what he said to be true now, few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of poor examples. I find this to be especially true in the examples given to American society in the mass media of television, movies, and VCR rentals. I can hardly turn on my television without being subjected to lurid advertisements filled with suggestions of sex and violence for both television and movie programming. I don't have children in my home and I don't know whether you do either, but all you have to do is put a child in front of a program with even mild amounts of violence and almost immediately, many children, not to mention adults, begin to imitate what they have just seen.

Adults in our society are presumed to know the difference between fantasy in the media and fact in real life. For far too many individuals, there is no limit between the two and it's too easy to pick up the newspaper and read about copycat crimes inspired by uninspired entertainment. Far too many producers, directors, and writers have no sense of social and moral responsibility when it comes to what they choose to show the public. It makes me appreciate all the more those who use their talents in ways which uplift as they entertain.

The topic of government regulation of the content of movies and television can be a volatile one because on one side there is the greater good of the people and on the other, those who claim that First Amendment rights give them complete license to express themselves in any way they choose. I'm not necessarily an advocate of governmental regulation, but something must be done to stem the tide of filth which is gaining an ever more secure foothold in our society. Liberty is *not* license and with rights come responsibility. There are cases in which governmental regulation has been a necessity. Cases which immediately come to mind are the abuses in the meat industry which Upton Sinclair exposed in his book *The Jungle*, and Ida Tarbell, whose investigative reporting led to "trust-busting."

In my own sphere of action I do not attend R-rated movies nor do I watch TV programs which come with the viewer discretion labels. I do my best to persuade others to follow this same standard. I do not do these things as a puritanical reformer, but in my own (and others') best interests. If you attend such entertainment, listen closely to your conscience and examine how you feel after viewing R-rated movies and television with excessive violence and acts of sex which are both exploit and suggestive. Compare those feelings to what you sense after you view something uplifting. If you have not already done so, sincerely experiment with this suggestion at least once, preferably several times, and you will hopefully understand what I mean.

Mr. Hundt, when Alexis de Tocqueville, a French historian of the Nineteenth Century, traveled through this country, the result was that he wrote a work called *Democracy in America*. In it, he observed that "America is great because she is good." If we lose our goodness, surely we will lose our greatness and I can think of few greater calamities our nation could suffer. We are already seeing before our eyes what is

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happening---the destruction of the family, gang warfare, declining moral standards in public and private life, and many other basic problems. I am fairly young, Mr. Hundt, but I have been a student of history, especially the history of our great Republic as long as I have been able to read. Throughout our history we have been an extraordinarily blessed---some would call us a lucky---nation. When nations are blessed they tend to do one of two things; acknowledge and uphold the blessings they have received or forget. I fear greatly that we are well on our way to forgetting and it will prove to be our undoing.

When television was in its infancy, Edward R. Murrow made the following observation regarding it:

"This instrument can teach, it can illuminate; yes, and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends..."

The instruments of mass media are not fulfilling the potential of their promise as Mr. Murrow saw it. They are, in fact, doing the opposite and this trend must be halted and reversed.

I have written already to Mrs. Gore to express my concern and she referred me to your office. Please, do all that you can to see that we do not suffer further decline into this amoral culture which is gaping wide to swallow us all as a nation. I will also be writing to my Congressional representatives about these concerns. Please work with them and other willing parties as much as possible to reign in the corrupt excesses in our culture. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



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